

City of Corunna
Regular Council Meeting
Monday, November 5, 2001

Present: Billis, Bayless, Dumond, Hornus, Mehigh, Ockerman, Runyan.

Absent: None.

Guests: Joe Sawyer, City Manager; Gregg Brichan; Janet Washburn, Parks and Recreation Director; Gene Sanderson; Arnie Jessen; Jackie Leone, The Argus Press; Larry LeCureux; Judy Horton; Sam Burwell; Frank Svrcek; Linda LeCureux; Shauna Bayless; The Neil Stacy Family; Dick & Pat Sanderson; Jan Scott; Janeene Cenkush; Chief Mark Hetfield, Police Department; Sgt. Kevin Clark, Police Department; Don Washburn; Tim Crawford, Superintendent of Public Works; Jeremy Boyd, Treasurer; Leigh Corey; Jason Yerian; Tonya Forrester; Steve Corey; Dr. Kristi Billis; Jim and Jan Hein; & Betty Bates; Chief Scott Johnson, Fire Department; Alvin Horton; Bob Gilman; and other concerned citizens.

The meeting was called to order in the City Council Chambers by Mayor Billis at 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS REGULAR MEETING: Hornus moved, Dumond seconded to approve the minutes of the previous regular meeting

Roll call vote:

Yes: Ockerman, Dumond, Hornus, Runyan, Bayless, Mehigh.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

AGENDA APPROVAL: Dumond moved, Hornus seconded to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of Item No. 9) Consider Traffic Control Orders to Accommodate Streetscape Design; Item No. 10), Consider Approval of Lot Division; Item No. 11) Consider Appointment of Airport Alternate; Item No. 12) Consider Waiving Permit Fee for County; Item No. 13) Executive Session; and Item No. 14) Consider Approval of AFSCME Contract.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Bayless, Runyan, Mehigh, Ockerman, Dumond, Hornus.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

Hornus moved, Dumond seconded to remove Item No. 3) Consider Vacating Section of S. Mizner Street and Item No. 4) Consider Vacating Section of S. Woodworth Street.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Runyan, Ockerman, Bayless, Hornus, Mehigh, Dumond.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

APPROVAL OF VENDOR DISBURSEMENTS: Hornus moved, Dumond seconded to approve the vendor disbursements as presented.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Hornus, Mehig, Dumond, Bayless, Ockerman, Runyan.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CALL TO AUDIENCE: Gene Sanderson suggested instructing the election workers to remind people that they can vote for everyone in all of the wards.

Neil Stacy asked why vacating S. Mizner Street was removed from the agenda. Councilperson Ockerman advised the city council needed more time to review the information. Mr. Stacy advised council they were welcome to come to the area and walk the area. Councilperson Ockerman advised council would be doing that.

Betty Bates asked council to move the microphones closer to them so their voices could be picked up because all she heard was Mr. Sawyer.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: Mr. Sawyer reviewed his manager's report with council and with those in the audience. He advised council the Department of Environmental Quality has lowered the city's fine to \$13,000. He further advised he felt the state was going to be reasonable and would work with the city on the city's sanitary overflow issues. The state has given the city an extra year to get the city's sanitary problems fixed. He also advised there is a requirement as a condition of the city's major street funding that one percent per year should be placed into non-motorized transportation improvements, which the city is approximately \$12,000 delinquent on so the city needs to do some non-motorized projects or the city risks losing its funding for major streets. Mr. Sawyer stated the city is considering widening Shiawassee Street from the bridge to Heritage Park in order to put in a bike path. The bike path would be a paved shoulder to the road with a stripe on it. Councilperson Ockerman stated he and Councilperson Mehig are very concerned about the city's sewer problems, and the progress that Mr. Sawyer and Mr. Crawford have made has been major. There has been some major progress done on the city's lift stations. Councilperson Ockerman further stated a two by four was found in one of the pump stations, which made the pump only pump one-half of what it should have been pumping. He also stated the city owes Mr. Sawyer and Mr. Crawford for the hours they spent in the rain with the engineers to dig into the sewer problem. Councilperson Mehig stated he wanted to give credit to anybody who can stand six hours in a cold rain.

CONSIDER MEDIEVAL REENACTMENT CONTRACT: Hornus moved, Bayless seconded to approve the Shiabrock Medieval Reenactment Contract for use of McCurdy Park August 8 through August 13, 2002, as recommended by the parks and recreation commission. Councilperson Bayless advised this item went to the parks and recreation commission and Ms. Washburn could answer any questions council might have. He further advised this event should be exciting and should bring the people into the community. It will be nice to try something different to bring people into the community.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Mehigh, Bayless, Runyan, Dumond, Hornus, Ockerman.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER VACATING SECTION OF S. BACHUS STREET: Dumond moved, Mehigh seconded to deny the request to vacate S. Bachus Street from Lyman Street to the Grand Trunk Railroad as recommended by the planning commission. Councilperson Bayless stated it should be noted the reason the planning commission has recommended to deny the request was because of the presence of an eight-inch water main, and anytime there are city services running in an area there has to be access to maintain them.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Dumond, Hornus, Ockerman, Mehigh, Runyan, Bayless.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER VACATING SECTION OF S. KINGSLEY STREET: Dumond moved, Hornus seconded to deny the request to vacate Kingsley Street from Oliver Street to the Corunna Surface Drain as recommended by the planning commission because of potential future development of city utilities.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Ockerman, Dumond, Hornus, Runyan, Bayless, Mehigh.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER STANDARDS FOR DEVELOPMENTS IN BUSINESS SERVICE DISTRICT:

Ockerman moved, Hornus seconded to request that the planning commission prepare an ordinance for construction standards in the Business Service District, and submit to council for approval.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Bayless, Runyan, Mehigh, Ockerman, Dumond, Hornus.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER COUNCIL COMMITTEE ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGE: Ockerman moved, Mehigh seconded to instruct the city manager to further develop the Council Committee Structure, Review Ordinances as Appropriate, and Draft Council Rules and Procedures to this end for the November 13, 2001 Organizational Meeting.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Runyan, Ockerman, Bayless, Hornus, Mehigh, Dumond.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDERS TO ACCOMMODATE STREETSCAPE

DESIGN: Ockerman moved, Hornus seconded to rescind traffic control orders 43, 45, 47, 49, 57, 58, 63, 64, 68, 71, 72, 73, 76, 161, 88 & 159.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Hornus, Mehig, Dumond, Bayless, Ockerman, Runyan.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

Ockerman moved, Hornus seconded to adopt traffic control order number 195 creating a 15 minute parking space on the first parking space south of Mack Street on the west side of Shiawassee Street.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Mehig, Bayless, Runyan, Dumond, Hornus, Ockerman.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

Dumond moved, Hornus seconded to adopt traffic control order number 196 creating two hour parking from 6 a.m. – 6 p.m. on West Mack Street on the south side from Shiawassee Street to the alley.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Dumond, Hornus, Ockerman, Mehig, Runyan, Bayless.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

Dumond moved, Hornus seconded to adopt traffic control order number 197 creating two hour parking from 6 a.m. – 6 p.m. on East Mack Street on the north side from Shiawassee Street to Brady Street.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Ockerman, Dumond, Hornus, Runyan, Bayless, Mehig.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

Ockerman moved, Mehig seconded to adopt traffic control order number 198 creating a handicap parking space on the east side of Shiawassee Street for the first space south of Mack Street in front of the post office.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Bayless, Runyan, Mehig, Ockerman, Dumond, Hornus.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

Ockerman moved, Hornus seconded to adopt traffic control order number 199 creating no parking at any time on the south side of East Mack Street from Shiawassee Street to Brady Street.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Runyan, Ockerman, Bayless, Hornus, Mehig, Dumond.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF LOT DIVISION: Ockerman moved, Hornus seconded to approve the proposed lot split request for 317 S. McDonnell Street as requested by the planning commission upon the demolition or removal of the garage shown on the illustration. Councilperson Ockerman asked if it was common to put a time frame for the demolishment. Jan Scott advised she assumed the garage would have been taken care of right away. Councilperson Ockerman asked if a time frame was discussed. Ms. Scott advised no. Councilperson Ockerman asked if the applicant intends to demolish and build quickly. Ms. Scott advised that is what she was told, but she did not know about build. Mark Hetfield advised the garage would be moved off the property line. Bob Gilman advised it was his understanding that the garage would be moved or torn down before the lot split actually occurred. Councilperson Ockerman advised that made more sense to him. Councilperson Dumond stated that is the way the motion reads. Councilperson Ockerman stated council is approving the lot split. Councilperson Dumond stated with the condition that the garage is removed. Mr. Sawyer suggested adding the verbiage "upon the demolition or removal of the garage shown on the illustration" to the motion. Councilpersons Ockerman and Hornus agreed to amend the motion to include Mr. Sawyer's suggested verbiage.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Hornus, Mehig, Dumond, Bayless, Ockerman, Runyan.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF AIRPORT ALTERNATE: Mehig moved, Ockerman seconded to appoint Joseph Sawyer to the Airport Board as an alternate for a term to begin upon the taking of oath and continuing until November, 2002 or until a successor is named.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Mehig, Bayless, Runyan, Dumond, Hornus, Ockerman.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER WAIVING PERMIT FEE FOR COUNTY: Ockerman moved, Hornus seconded to waive the building permit fee for the Shiawassee County Board of Commissioners for the construction on N. Shiawassee Street.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Dumond, Hornus, Ockerman, Mehig, Runyan, Bayless.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CALL TO AUDIENCE: Scott Johnson stated he was unable to attend the 6:15 p.m. farewell for the departing council and the mayor, but he wanted to thank them for serving on the city council and the various committees they were appointed to.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Dumond moved, Hornus seconded to leave the regular session and go into executive session for the purpose of discussing the AFSCME contract.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Ockerman, Dumond, Hornus, Runyan, Bayless, Mehigh.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED Time was 7:50 p.m.

Mehigh moved, Dumond seconded to leave the executive session and return to the regular session.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Bayless, Runyan, Mehigh Ockerman, Dumond, Hornus.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED Time was 8:10 p.m.

No action was taken during the executive session.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AFSCME CONTRACT: Dumond moved, Hornus seconded to approve the AFSCME Contract as per the tentative agreements reached.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Hornus, Mehigh, Dumond, Bayless, Ockerman, Runyan.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CALL TO AUDIENCE: Judy Horton asked if the pile of leaves located in the park belonged to the city or if somebody else had trucked them down there. Frank Svrcak advised the city put the leaves there until they dry out.

ADJOURN: Hornus moved to adjourn.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Mehigh, Bayless, Runyan, Dumond, Hornus, Ockerman.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED Time was 8:20 p.m.

DR. JAMES BILLIS, MAYOR

YVONNE F. LONG, CITY CLERK